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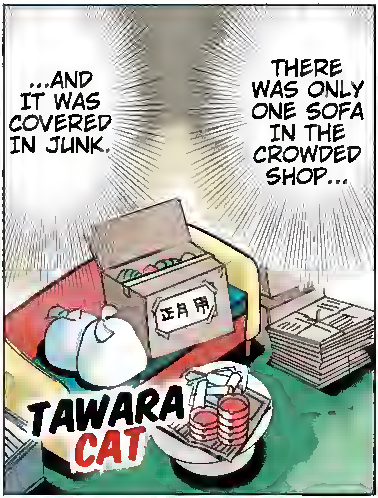
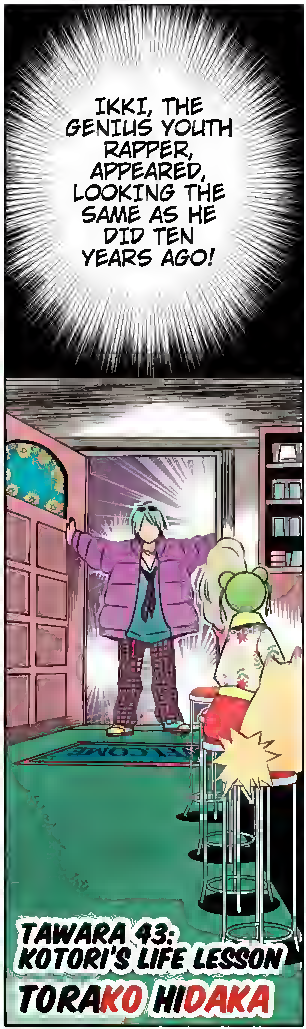
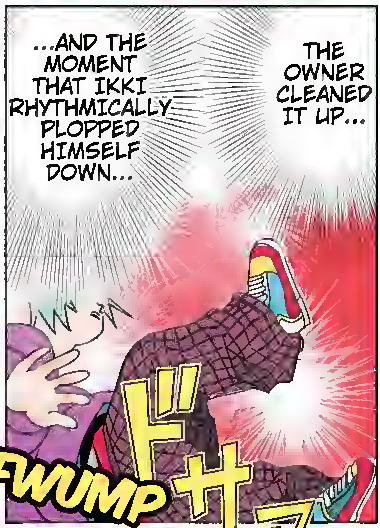



IKKI, THE GENIUS YOUTH RAPPER, APPEARED, LOOKING THE SAME AS HE DID TEN YEARS AGO!
TAWARA 43: KOTORI'S LIFE LESSON
TORAKO HIDAKA



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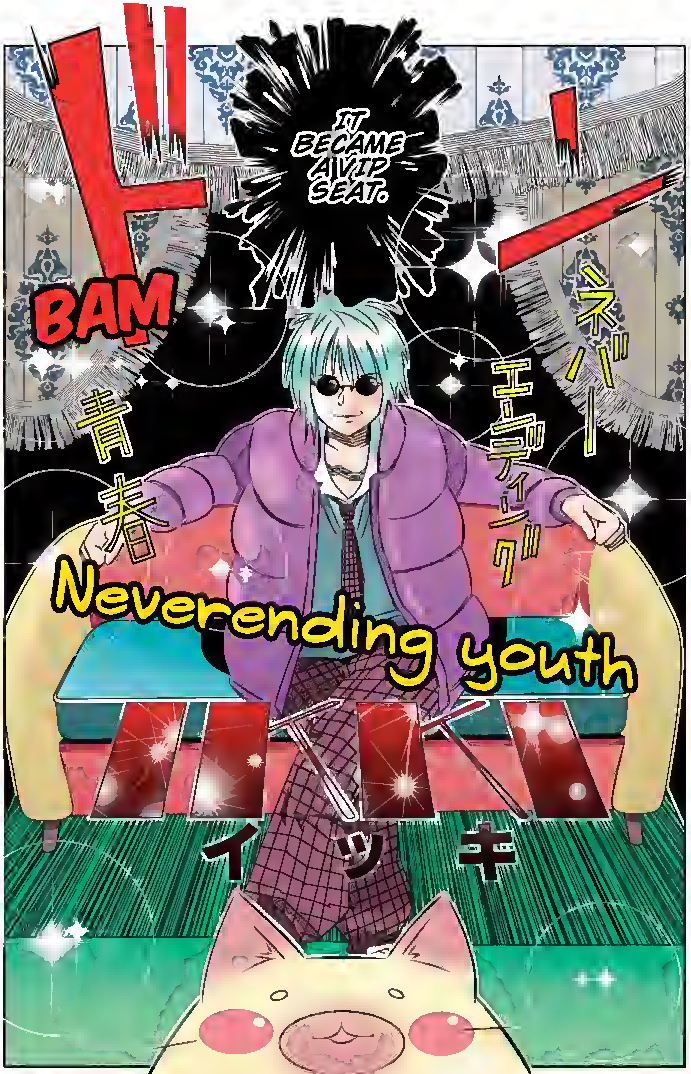
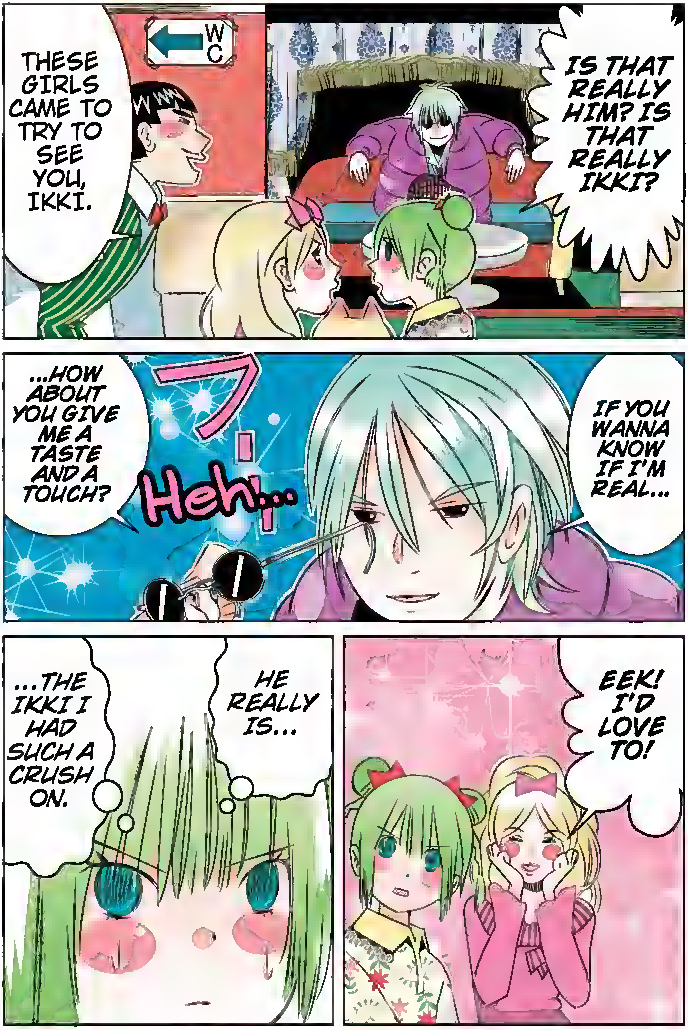

IT BECAME A VIP SEAT.
BAM
ネバーエンディング青春
Neverending youth
イッキ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THESE GIRLS CAME TO TRY TO SEE YOU, IKKI.
IS THAT REALLY HIM? IS THAT REALLY IKKI?
...HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE ME A TASTE AND A TOUCH?
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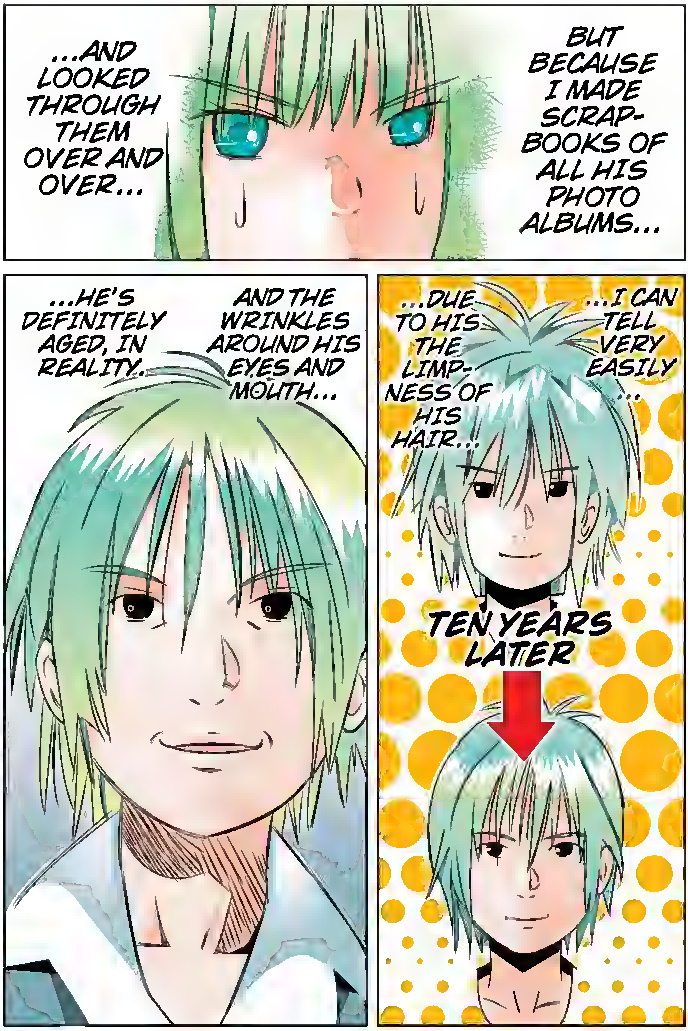
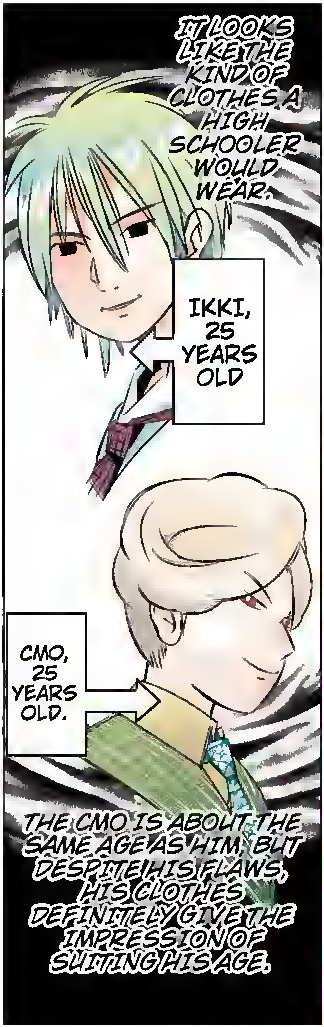
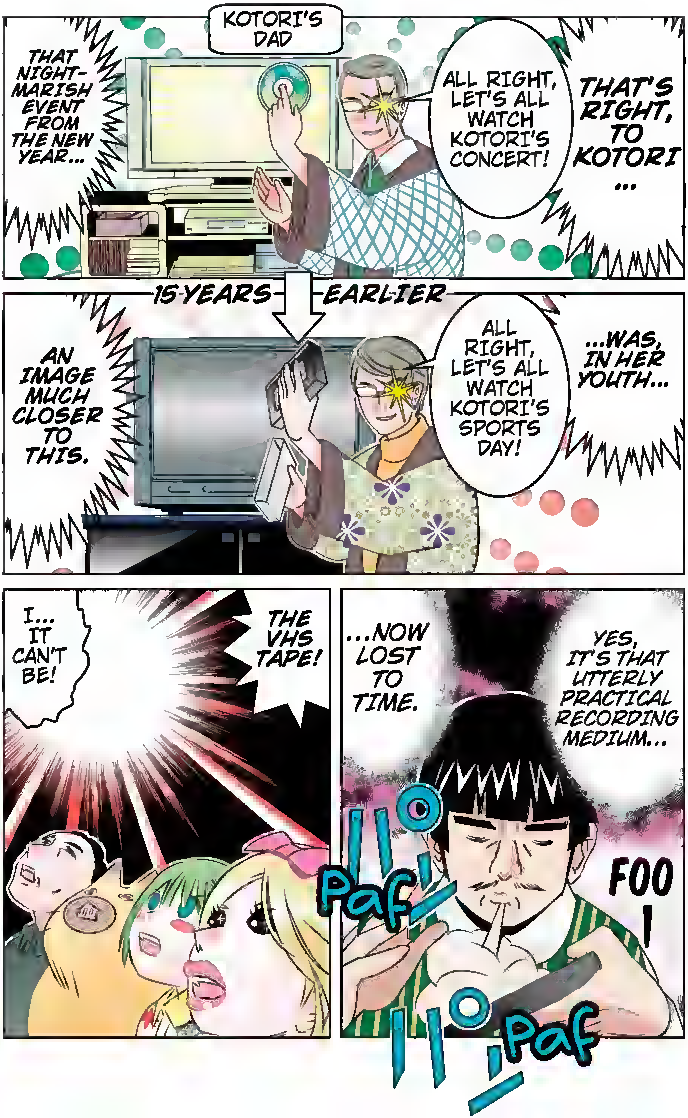
Heh...
IF YOU WANNA KNOW IF I'M REAL...
...THE IKKI I HAD SUCH A CRUSH ON.
HE REALLY IS...
EEK! I'D LOVE TO!

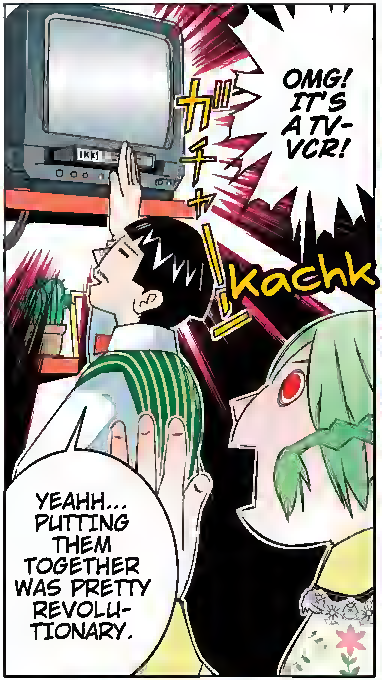

...AND LOOKED THROUGH THEM OVER AND OVER...
BUT BECAUSE I MADE SCRAP-BOOKS OF ALL HIS PHOTO ALBUMS...
...HE'S DEFINITELY AGED, IN REALITY.
AND THE WRINKLES AROUND HIS EYES AND MOUTH...
...DUE TO HIS THE LIMP-NESS OF HIS HAIR...
...I CAN TELL VERY EASILY ...
TEN YEARS LATER


IT LOOKS LIKE THE KIND OF CLOTHES A HIGH SCHOOLER WOULD WEAR.
IKKI, 25 YEARS OLD
CMO, 25 YEARS OLD.
THE CMO IS ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS HIM, BUT DESPITE HIS FLAWS, HIS CLOTHES DEFINITELY GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF SUITING HIS AGE.

BUT COMPARING HIS AGE TO HIS APPEARANCE...
...THE PANTS HE'S WEARING ARE KIND OF SAGGY.
THESE

OK, IKKI.
THEN PUT THE USUAL ON.
HEY BOSS, BRING MY FAVORITE BOTTLE TO THE GIRLS.
IKKIスターダストレーン
IKKI レインボスカイブルー
IKKIエンジェルヌガー
IKKIレッサンシャイン
すshf
THAT BLACK, BOOK-LIKE, THICK SHAPE!
TH-THATS!
IKKI
スルshoop


KOTORI'S DAD
THAT NIGHT-MARISH EVENT FROM THE NEW YEAR...
ALL RIGHT, LET'S ALL WATCH KOTORI'S CONCERT!
THAT'S RIGHT, TO KOTORI ...
15 YEARS EARLIER
AN IMAGE MUCH CLOSER TO THIS.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S ALL WATCH KOTORI'S SPORTS DAY!
...WAS, IN HER YOUTH...
I... IT CAN'T BE!
THE VHS TAPE!
...NOW LOST TO TIME.
YES, IT'S THAT LITTERLY PRACTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM...
Paf!
FOO !
Paf


OMG! IT'S A TV-VCR!
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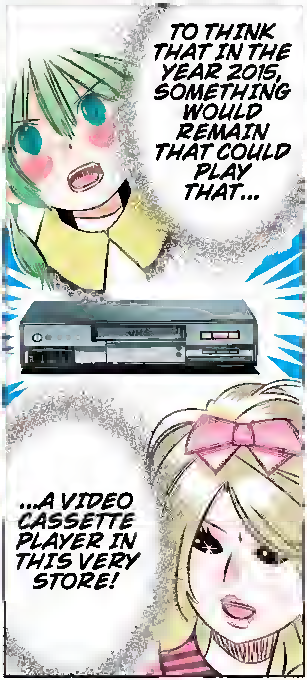
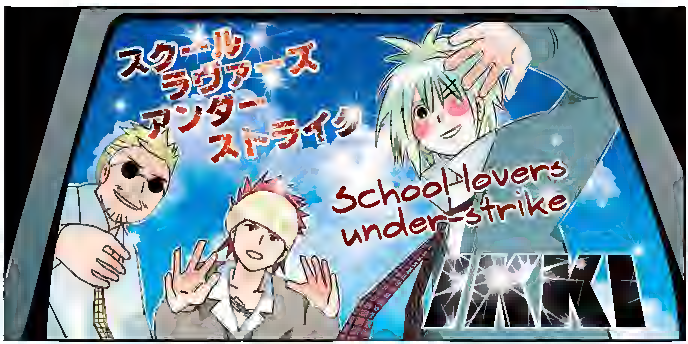
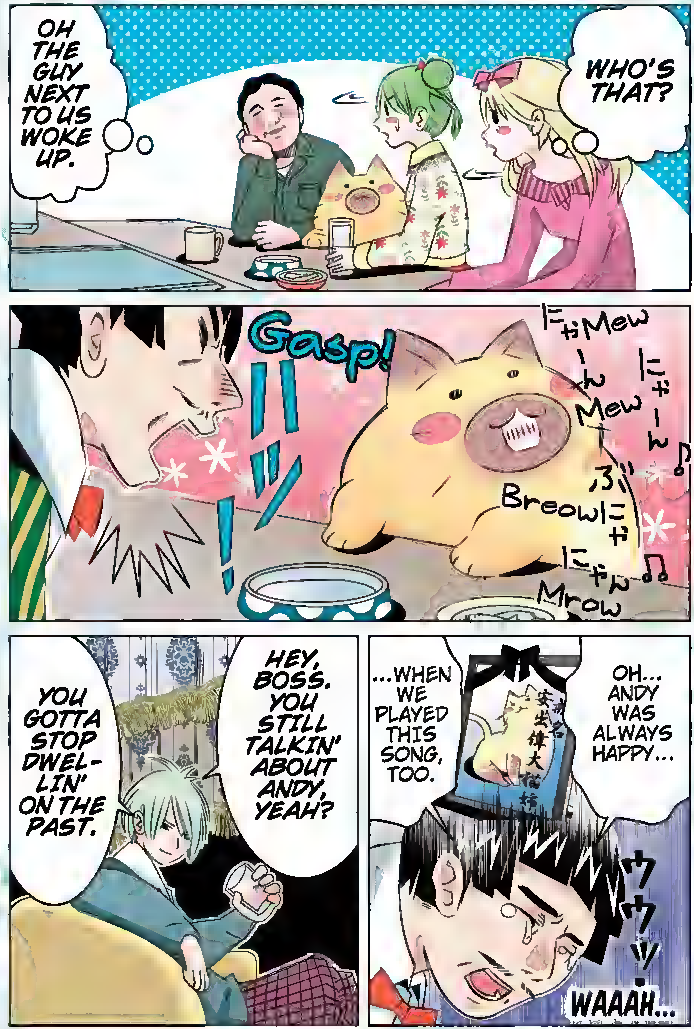
YEAHH... PUTTING THEM TOGETHER WAS PRETTY REVOLU-TIONARY.


TO THINK THAT IN THE YEAR 2015, SOMETHING WOULD REMAIN THAT COULD PLAY THAT...
...A VIDEO CASSETTE PLAYER IN THIS VERY STORE!


スクールラヴァーズアンダーストライク
School-lovers under-strike
ARKI

SORRY GIRL, COULDN'T STOP MY FINGER FROM TEXTIN'...
...THOUGH I DIDN'T WANNA HURT YOU NO MORE, YOU GOT ME VEXIN'.
SO THAT'S WHY I HAD TA THROW YA PHONE OUT THE WINDOW...
...MY WORDS DIDN'T SHOW MY TRUE FEELINGS, SO I HAD TO GET RID OF THEM, YO.
WORDS
SORRY, BABY.
AND ALSO I LOVE YOU.

AHH, I WATCHED THIS VIDEO SOO MANY TIMES WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
I WAS SURE I'D FIND A COOL BOYFRIEND LIKE IKKI ONCE I GOT INTO HIGH SCHOOL...
I WAS A HIGH SCHOOLER. I THOUGHT IF ONLY I COULD WEAR A SAILOR UNIFORM...
...A GUY LIKE IKKI WOULD TOTALLY TELL ME "AND ALSO I LOVE YOU."
I HEARD THIS SONG ALL THE TIME ON THE RADIO AT THE PLACE I USED TO WORK BACK THEN.
WAS THAT TEN YEARS ALREADY? I WONDER WHAT THE GUYS FROM BACK THEN ARE DOING NOW...


OH THE GUY NEXT TO US WOKE UP.
WHO'S THAT?
Gasp!
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Mew
Breow
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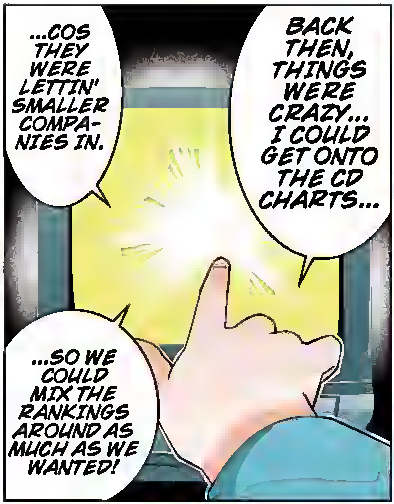
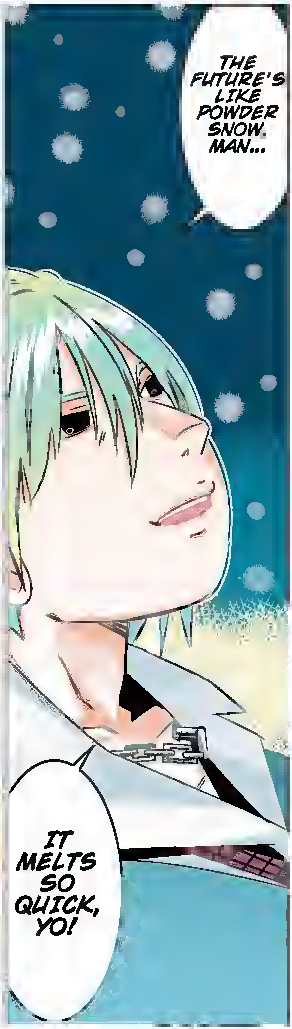
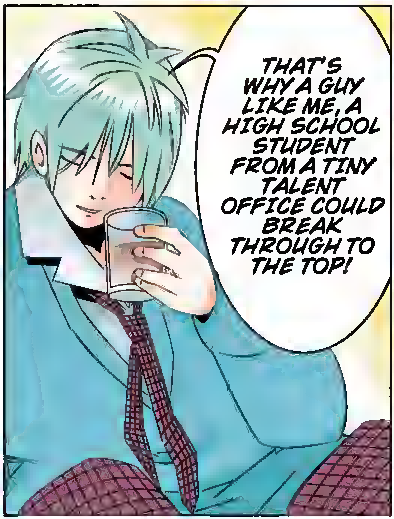
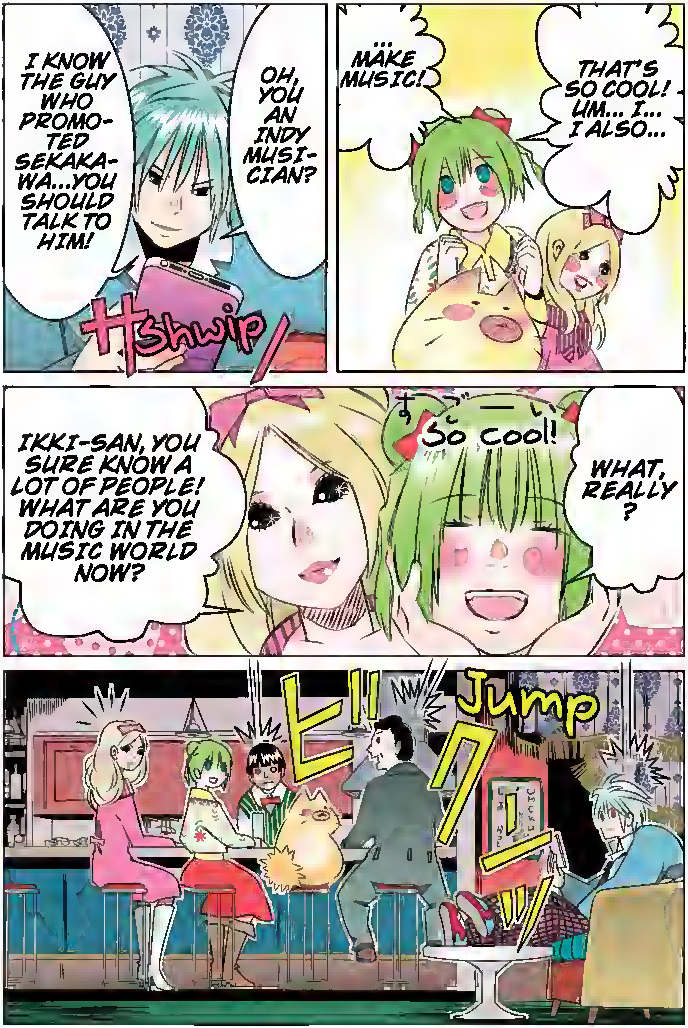
Mrow
HEY, BOSS. YOU STILL TALKIN' ABOUT ANDY, YEAH?
YOU GOTTA STOP DWEL-LIN' ON THE PAST.
...WHEN WE PLAYED THIS SONG, TOO.
OH... ANDY WAS ALWAYS HAPPY...
ウウッ!
WAAAH...


BACK THEN, THINGS WERE CRAZY... I COULD GET ONTO THE CD CHARTS...
...COS THEY WERE LETTIN' SMALLER COMPA-NIES IN.
...SO WE COULD MIX THE RANKINGS AROUND AS MUCH AS WE WANTED!


THE FUTURE'S LIKE POWDER SNOW, MAN...
IT MELTS SO QUICK, YO!


THAT'S WHY A GUY LIKE ME, A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FROM A TINY TALENT OFFICE COULD BREAK THROUGH TO THE TOP!


OH, YOU AN INDY MUSI-CIAN?
I KNOW THE GUY WHO PROMO-TED SEKAKA-WA...YOU SHOULD TALK TO HIM!
Hshwip
...MAKE MUSIC!
THAT'S SO COOL! UM... I... I ALSO...
IKKI-SAN, YOU SURE KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MUSIC WORLD NOW?
So cool!
WHAT, REALLY?
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Jump
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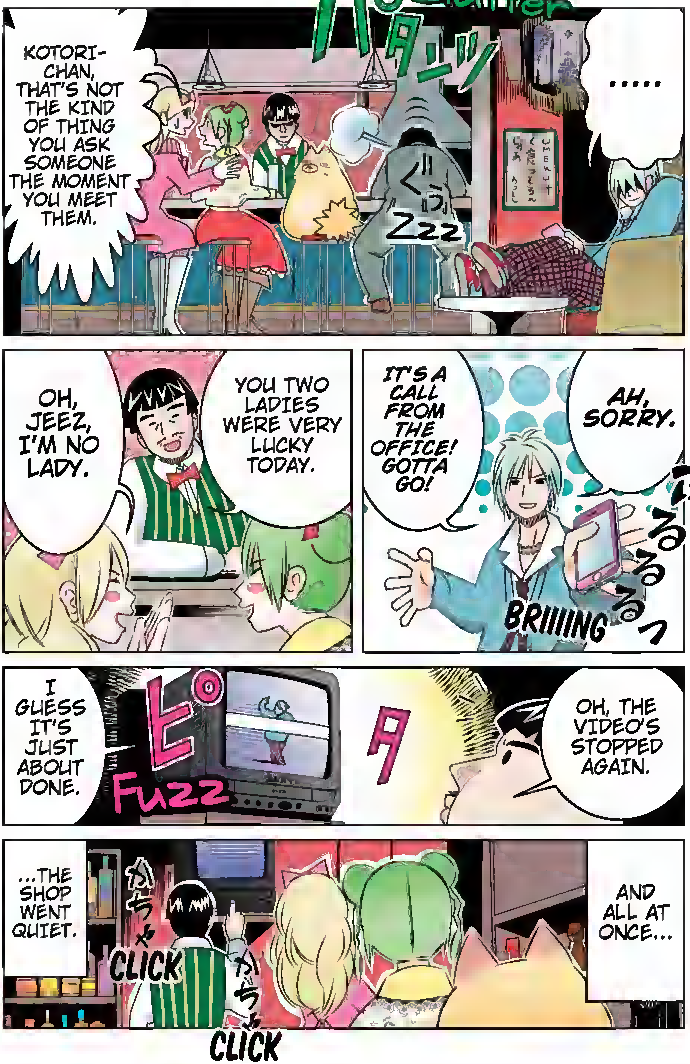
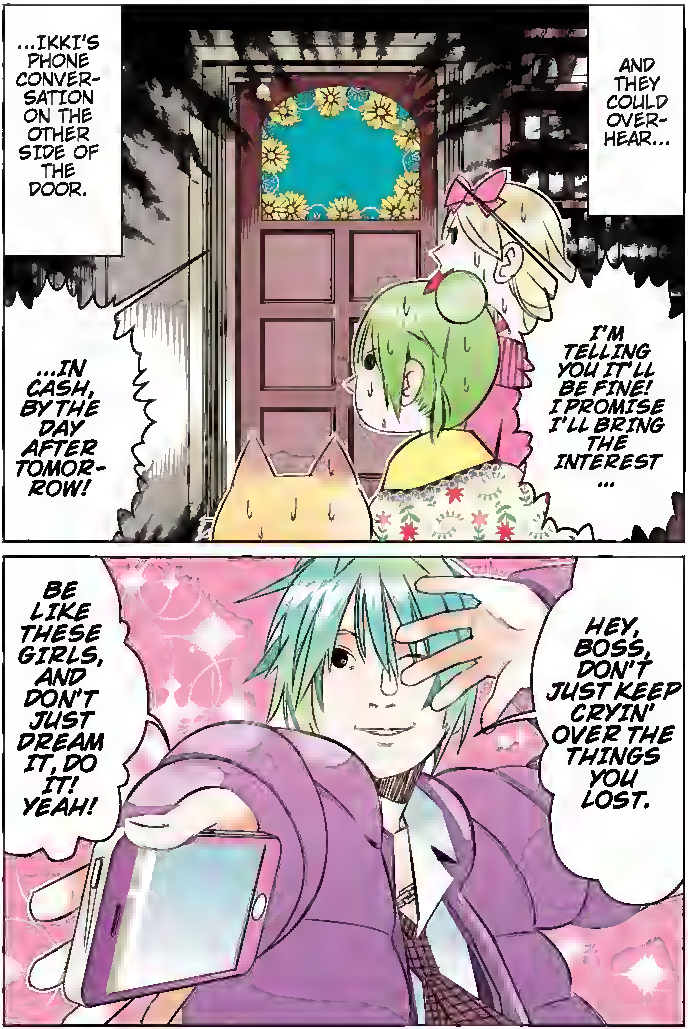
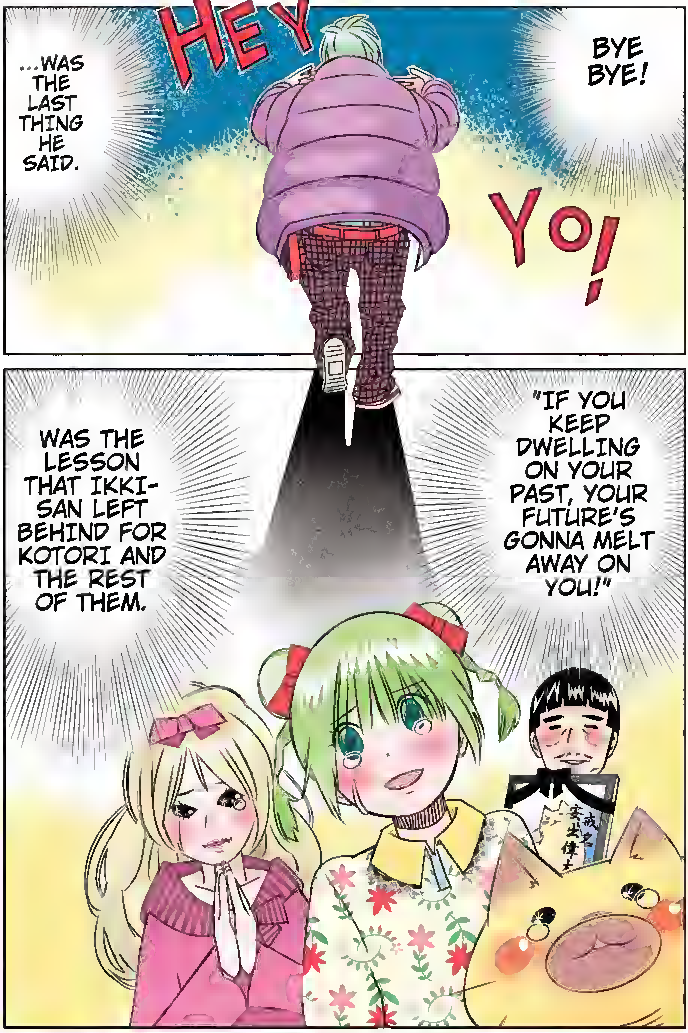

Clatter
KOTORI-CHAN, THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF THING YOU ASK SOMEONE THE MOMENT YOU MEET THEM.
.....
Zzz
YOU TWO LADIES WERE VERY LUCKY TODAY.
OH, JEEZ, I'M NO LADY.
AH, SORRY.
IT'S A CALL FROM THE OFFICE! GOTTA GO!
BRIIIING
OH, THE VIDEO'S STOPPED AGAIN.
Fuzz
I GUESS IT'S JUST ABOUT DONE.
AND ALL AT ONCE...
CLICK
CLICK
...THE SHOP WENT QUIET.


...IKKI'S PHONE CONVER-SATION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR.
AND THEY COULD OVER-HEAR...
I'M TELLING YOU IT'LL BE FINE! I PROMISE I'LL BRING THE INTEREST ...
...IN CASH, BY THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW!
HEY, BOSS, DON'T JUST KEEP CRYIN' OVER THE THINGS YOU LOST.
BE LIKE THESE GIRLS, AND DON'T JUST DREAM IT, DO IT! YEAH!


...WAS THE LAST THING HE SAID.
HEY
BYE BYE!
YO!
WAS THE LESSON THAT IKKI-SAN LEFT BEHIND FOR KOTORI AND THE REST OF THEM.
"IF YOU KEEP DWELLING ON YOUR PAST, YOUR FUTURE'S GONNA MELT AWAY ON YOU!"

AND SO KOTORI GROWS UP, JUST A BIT MORE.
BUT HER FUTURE IS STILL SUPER BRIGHT, YO!